

well the daily struggle facing today's American families: how can we be great parents and also be great at our jobs?

With an ever-increasing number of parents either working full time or looking for work, more and more families are fully engaged in the daily juggling act that comes with trying to do it all.

Fortunately, policy makers and business leaders can take concrete steps to promote and create a healthy work-life balance for employees, whether it's through offering flexible work hours, assisting with childcare, or creating a positive work culture for families with children.

This flexibility in the workplace benefits everyone, leading to more productive workers, healthier families, and a stronger economy.

In the spirit of National Work and Family Month, I encourage policy makers, employers, and employees to come together and help improve the work-life balance for America's workers and their families.

IN HONOR OF THE VILLAGE OF
GLENWILLOW

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Village of Glenwillow, Ohio. Since 1893, the Village of Glenwillow has been an exemplary community within Northeast Ohio.

The Village of Glenwillow began as a company town by Austin Powder Company in 1893. Eventually, due to increased population, Austin Powder Company was unable to test its products in Glenwillow and relocated to Athens, Ohio in 1972. While the company had left, the residents of Glenwillow were thriving and began making investments and improvements to their 2.7 square mile home.

In 1999, under the leadership of former Mayor Don Payne, a new plan for the Village was designed. It included the rehabilitation and expansion of the Town Center and Village Center.

Today, the Village of Glenwillow is home to nearly 1000 residents who are led by Mayor Mark Cegelka. Mayor Cegelka was elected to office in 2009 after serving as the treasurer for the Village on Glenwillow. There are six members on the Village Council: Jeffrey Adie, Larry Sylver, John Baca, Eric Johnson, Donald Banas and Joseph Barber, Jr.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the Village of Glenwillow and all of its residents.

HONORING ROBERT BERNER

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2012

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Robert Berner, who will be retiring after 28 years as Executive Director of the Marin Agricultural Land Trust (MALT) in Marin County, CA. Bob's inspiring leadership has resulted in the protection of countless family farms and ranches and the preservation of thousands of

acres of farmland in Marin County. Today, largely through his guidance, MALT is recognized as a national leader in agricultural land preservation.

Prior to MALT, Bob was Executive Director of The Foundation for San Francisco's Architectural Heritage and Vice-President of Finance at The Nature Conservancy. He is a founding member and current co-chair of the California Council of Land Trusts and a member of the steering committee of the Bay Area Open Space Council. He holds a law degree from Duke University and an MBA from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania.

MALT was founded in the 1970s by a unique alliance of environmentalists and ranchers who realized that development proposals for Marin County would destroy cherished farmland and beautiful open space. Bob took the reins at a time when much of the economic focus in the region and the nation had been on non-agricultural development. He proved that it is possible to foster growth and economic opportunity in agriculture. Thanks to his efforts, Marin is and will continue to be, home to renowned dairy, meat, and organic produce which are served in the Bay Area and beyond.

Mr. Speaker, Robert Berner's diligent work has helped establish an effective national model for agricultural land preservation, enabled countless Marin County farms to thrive, and provided consumers with organic, local produce, dairy, and meat. Please join me in honoring his distinguished career.

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HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2012

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, today the House votes again to dismantle what was once a bipartisan pledge to the American people—that everyone in this nation deserves clean air to breathe and clean water to drink. On this, the last day of session before the House leadership has chosen to adjourn, we could be passing a jobs bill, extending the middle class tax cuts, or working to prevent the sequester and reduce the deficit. Instead, we are voting on a package of bills—most of which we have voted on before—to strip basic environmental protections for our air and water.

Today's bill would systematically dismantle the Clean Water Act, undermine the Clean Air Act, prevent any action to ensure the safe disposal of coal ash, and eliminate the EPA's ability to reduce carbon pollution.

In an unprecedented move, it would repeal in statute a scientific finding by the Environmental Protection Agency that greenhouse gases endanger public health, confirming that the House of Representatives is an evidence-free zone. Mr. Speaker, I'm afraid some of my Tea Party colleagues would have lined up to put Galileo in jail.

The bill nullifies the new fuel efficiency pollution standards for vehicles—standards that would save consumers money at the pump and that are supported by 13 major auto manufacturers representing more than 90 percent of U.S. vehicle sales. It nullifies the Mercury

and Air Toxics Standards, preventing the EPA from reducing emissions of mercury, a powerful neurotoxin that is particularly dangerous for young children and pregnant women.

Mr. Speaker, this broad, damaging legislation would roll back 40 years of progress for clean air and water. We cannot afford to return to a time when industrial polluters used lakes and streams as dumping grounds for dangerous chemicals and factories sent toxic fumes into the air. We must protect public health, defend our environment, and reject this bill.

INTRODUCING THE COMPUTERS
FOR OUR COMMUNITIES ACT

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2012

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleagues JOHN LEWIS (D-GA) and GARY PETERS (D-MI), to introduce the Computers for Our Communities Act. This legislation will extend a provision in the tax code that encourages companies to donate computer equipment to schools and libraries.

I have a long history with this tax provision. In the early 1980s I met a young Steve Jobs who had the pioneering vision to put a computer into every classroom in America. However, when companies like Apple donated to schools, the deduction was limited to their cost of manufacturing the computer. Companies had no incentive to donate computers and software to our public schools. With bipartisan support in the House and Senate, we amended the tax code and created an enhanced tax deduction to encourage companies to donate computers to our schools.

Until 2012, Section 170 of the tax code enabled a corporation to take an enhanced deduction when they donated computer equipment to a public school, a library, or other educational institutions. We found a middle ground that allowed companies to deduct more than their cost of manufacturing a computer, but less than the fair market value when they provided this public service by donating computer equipment.

Nearly 30 years after this provision was first added to the tax code, a computer in classroom is no longer a revolutionary idea. Computer literacy is an even more important issue in a world with so much changing technology. Yet this tax deduction is once again on the chopping block. The section of the tax code that allows companies to take an enhanced tax deduction when computer equipment or software is donated to a school, library, or similar institutions, expired at the end of 2011. With this legislation, we can retroactively enact this tax provision and extend it through the end next year so there is no lapse in coverage.

Without this legislation, I worry we won't see donations of computer equipment to our public schools. Even adults who learn computer skills through community programs and public libraries will have to use aging technology. Our schools and our cities are already stretched by budget cuts and we need to do whatever we can to make sure that everyone has the ability to become computer literate.

The Computers for Our Communities Act will restore this tax provision through December 2013 and ensure that America's students